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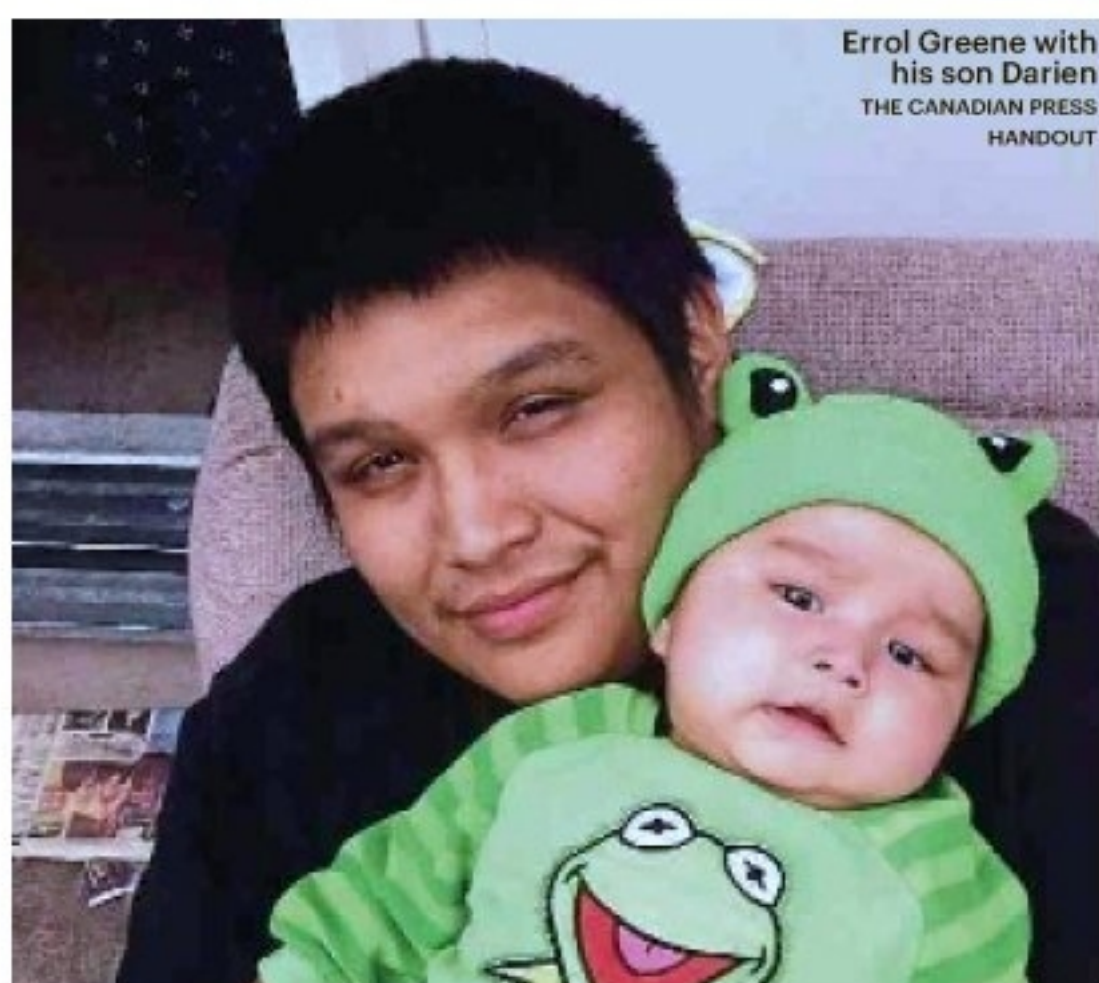
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Council's pay raise called 'hypocritical'

BUDGET

Wage freeze only for some as city hall attempts to cut costs



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Mayor Brian Bowman and councillors will still get pay raises, in the face of a cost-cutting plan to freeze wages for some senior employees.

Earlier this week, the finance committee approved a report listing various belt-tightening measures being undertaken to fill a \$9.5-million hole in this year's budget, left after back-to-back winter storms in late 2016 ate up a projected surplus written into the 2017 spending plan.

Besides vacancy management and deferring some capital projects, the city announced it froze the wages of

all senior managers and employees who are not members of a collective bargaining unit.

But as of Jan 1, 2017, the salaries of the mayor and councillors went up.

"That's definitively hypocritical," said Todd MacKay, prairie director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

"If they're asking their employees to do the sensible thing and hold the line on salaries, they have to lead by example."

According to a briefing note Metro obtained through freedom of informational legislation, the salaries of elected officials increased by 1.23 per cent at the start of 2017.

Last year, they saw a wage increase of 2.38 per cent.

That means this year, Bowman will earn a salary of \$173,107.

Members of his executive policy committee will make \$105,294 as will Coun. Devi Sharma, who serves as speaker,

and Coun. Jenny Gerbasi, who is deputy mayor.

All other councillors will earn \$93,000.

When asked why there was no wage freeze planned for council, Coun. Scott Gillingham, who chairs the finance committee, said they have already shown they walk the walk when it comes to making financial cutbacks.

He pointed to council's 2014 vote to reduce the mayor's salary and top-ups for members of his inner circle.



They have to lead by example.

Todd MacKay, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

"I'm not opposed to further discussion, but I know we have already led on that significantly," he said in a recent phone interview.

For MacKay, the issue isn't about the money, but rather the principle.

"If they're trying to

set a standard and create a culture in city hall that they've got to respect taxpayers in this tough situation then they need to be part of that culture change."

"The money itself is secondary to that."

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Women's centre needs help

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Flood damage costs are at around \$10K



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro|Winnipeg

Inside the West Central Women's Resource Centre it's "pure chaos" right now, as described by executive director Lorie French.

Crews are repainting walls, refinishing floors and cleaning up after a dishwasher pipe burst in January, flooding two-thirds of the Ellice Ave. building with two to three inches of water.

They are hoping to reopen the centre by the end of March, said French, though the date keeps getting pushed back as more repairs are required.

Costs not covered by insurance are already hovering around \$10,000, she said.

The non-profit centre caters mostly to low-income women and families and increasingly to Winnipeg's newcomer population.

Twenty-five to 30 per cent of clients are new to Canada, numbers that are expected to grow as Winnipeg welcomes an influx of refugee claimants, said Erika Frey, one of the centre's neighbourhood immigration settlement workers.

"The biggest thing is our services have been affected because we can't provide the same amount of support if we don't have a space somewhere to provide it," Frey said.



Neighbourhood immigrant settlement worker Erika Frey stands among the items piled high in the West Central Women's Resource Centre where a flood has evacuated the building since January. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/FOR METRO

Staff are offering scaled-back, one-on-one services out of the basement of the John Howard Society a few blocks over. They're no longer able to offer daily drop-ins with free snacks and meals, child care, laundry service, showers, phones or computers for the community to access.

And there's been a dramatic decrease in clients since their relocation — 630 people in January compared with 77 in February.

"I think that's the biggest hit is that women depend on us and we've had the same number of people — a core group of women — who come every single day,"

French said. "And when we're passing them on the street now, we're consistently hearing from them now, 'When are you going to be open? We miss the centre.' I think people are feeling a bit lost on where they can head during this time."

French said most of the centre's client base are isolated single moms "who don't have many places to go, particularly with their kids."

The women's centre is launching a fundraising campaign this week to try to offset some of its unexpected costs and reopen shortly. For more information, visit their website: wcwrc.ca.



The West Central Women's Resource Centre was flooded at the end of January 2017. CONTRIBUTED

TRUCK ACCIDENT

Near-death experience captured on video

A Manitoba woman captured a chilling near-death experience on video as the truck she was in plunged through the ice.

Ko'ona Cochrane, an assistant director at Traditional Family Parenting in Winnipeg, and her fiancé, Ivon Saber, were driving across the ice of Lake Winnipeg.

She was shooting video and doing a running commentary about seeing other trucks and lots of people out on the ice. She first posted a video on Facebook that focused on some birds they'd seen, and had a foreshadowing of what was about to happen.

The truck, going quite quickly, approached the stretch.

"OK, love, we may survive or we may not," she said.

Cochrane giggled and shrieked as the truck flew across the ice.

"We did it!" she cried.

In a second video, the truck was seen driving along when Cochrane saw a suspicious patch of ice and asked: "Why are you slowing down?"

Suddenly, chaos ensued. Saber yelled "Bail! Bail!" Cochrane screamed as the video went haywire, at one point appearing to dip under the water.

The pair managed to scramble to safety as the truck slipped under the ice. They weren't hurt and RCMP arrived to pick them up and take them to Arbour.

Cochrane then posted a video asking if anyone could pick up her and her fiancé and take them to the Peguis First Nation.

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Bike experts from Seattle, Amsterdam tour the city

TRANSPORTATION

Convoy weighs in on the city's plan to expand its network



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

A bike-riding convoy of out-of-towners toured Winnipeg this week, and the city's next big cycling infrastructure project will be better for it, according to a municipal staffer.

While it's common to have local experts weigh in on bike lanes, Stephanie Whitehouse said help from abroad has never been brought in "quite to this extent" for a specific project — in this case, upgrading the east-west connection between Waterfront Drive and Sherbrook Street.

"It's probably a first for us to have this kind of in-depth level of expertise," said Whitehouse, the city's active transportation coordinator.

The city's primary consultant on the ongoing project, Urban Systems, brought in the sub-contractors from bikable cities Seattle, Washington, and Amsterdam.

The hope, Whitehouse explained, was that the crack team of experts in "engineering cycling infrastructure" could share their collective experiences to ensure Winnipeg gets this critical corridor designed the right way.

"They were looking at the current conditions we have,



There's parking for thousands of bicycles at the three-storey structure at Amsterdam's Central Station. Infrastructure experts from Seattle and Amsterdam cycled around Winnipeg to offer advice on how to improve the city's cycling projects. CONTRIBUTED



They brought a very holistic look at traffic management and an all-user approach. Stephanie Whitehouse

some painted facilities on McDermot and Bannatyne... everything from safety, to usage, speeds, numbers, volumes, signals ... they look at pedestrian considerations as well, intersections, really the full gamut," she said.

In a post-mortem following

their tour, Whitehouse found the visiting experts had a lot of practical advice for the challenging route, which features a mix of hospital area, residential, light industrial and highly pedestrian-oriented land-uses along the line.

"They brought a very holistic

look at traffic management, and an all-user approach, that was really important," she said. "They bring with them all of this expertise ... just every scenario you can imagine has come up amongst them, they were so astute."

Specifically, Whitehouse said the consultant visiting from Amsterdam had advice that will be useful in the Exchange District section of the route.

"They have that same urban density, a bustling environment similar to the Exchange," she said, noting his input related to close-quarters mode-sharing.

Whitehouse expects all of the consultant advice, along with stakeholder input and consultation done recently on Winter Bike to Work Day, will help inform "preliminary options" that will be shared early this summer.

Winnipeg DIGEST

CITY HALL

Governance review shelved to budget time

An external governance review could be inked into the city's 2018 budget. On Wednesday, Mayor Brian Bowman's executive policy committee voted to refer a request for such a review into next year's spending plan. A call for a review of how city hall operates began with a motion from Coun. Russ Wyatt in September 2016. Coun. Janice Lukes appeared before Wednesday's committee in support of the motion. She criticized the current structure, saying it encourages councillors to be combative, not collaborative.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

FIRST NATIONS

Indigenous accord adopted

Winnipeg is getting its first "Indigenous accord." Bowman walked on the motion during the meeting and described the document as aspirational, formalizing the relationship between the city and surrounding First Nations. The accord calls for the city to produce an annual progress report on its ongoing reconciliation efforts.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

CRIME

House fire arson: Police

A north end fire that sent a 29-year-old woman to hospital was deliberately set, according to Winnipeg police. Emergency crews responded to the house fire in the 400 block of Aberdeen Avenue on March 14 at around 9:45 a.m. The woman was sent to hospital where she remains in life-threatening condition.

Police say the incident was likely arson. Anyone with information can contact detectives at 204-986-6508. METRO

DEVELOPMENT

Liquor store a food hall with alcohol: CEO



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

When Winnipeggers imagine a massive liquor store opening in True North Square, they should think of a food hall with alcohol, not row upon row of wine and spirits, according to the president of True North Sports & Entertainment.

On Wednesday, Jim Ludlow offered up details on what kind of Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries facility could open up in the \$400-million mixed-use

development, currently under phase one of construction.

The province and developer have a binding agreement for the crown corporation to lease a 50,000-square-foot space, which was signed under the former NDP government.

Last November, the province put that lease under review.

As of Wednesday, Ludlow said they are in talks with the provincial Crown corporation with regards to "space optimization" as a tenant at True North Square.

"I would tell you right now, I would tell anybody that the notion of having a



An artistic rendering of the \$400-million True North Square development at 242 Hargrave St. CONTRIBUTED

50,000-square-foot liquor store is not what we have in mind for this space at all," he told

reporters.

Instead, he described the space would be designed in the style of Eataly, a popular brand of marketplace found in North America and beyond.

Selling wine and liquor would be a small component of the market, said Ludlow, explaining greater emphasis would be placed on food counters and eateries.

"It's a very creative and very dynamic use."

Ludlow said on Wednesday the corporation is working with the design team that is in the process of opening a new Eataly in Toronto.

COMMITTEE

City approves \$3.2M for True North Square

True North Sports & Entertainment is poised to receive \$3.2 million in new tax increment financing from the city.

Without any debate, Wednesday's committee unanimously approved the new grant so the \$8.9-million public plaza could be built as part of the \$400-million True North Square development.

"The fact that the public square will be maintained by the private sector, but still be available and accessible for programming for public events is something that I'm very happy to see," Bowman told reporters

after the meeting.

According to an administrative report, the city's contribution is tied to a provincial grant.

John Kiernan, director of the planning, property and development department, told reporters on Tuesday that city's share towards the project is capped at \$3.2 million.

That new grant is on top of \$17.6 million the developer is approved to receive in tax rebates that will be put towards improving the area's sidewalks and building new skywalks.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Weed at wheel on radar

ROAD SAFETY

Police getting power to deal with drugged drivers

The Manitoba government is set to introduce legislation to help police crack down on drivers who are high on marijuana.

Justice Minister Heather Stefanson says the bill will also include measures dealing with health and safety concerns stemming from the expected federal legalization of pot.

Stefanson hasn't provide details in advance of the bill's presentation, but says the aim is to have checks and balances for when marijuana becomes legal.

She says technology that would let police officers test drivers for pot impairment is still being developed, and the bill will propose different tools for law enforcement.

Stefanson says she's concerned by a survey from Manitoba Public Insurance that said one in 10 drivers who took part in a voluntary test had drugs in their system.

More than half of those with



Manitoba is poised to introduce laws to address drivers who test positive for marijuana.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

drugs in their system tested positive for marijuana, while cocaine came in second.

"We're taking a proactive approach here to ensure that when that (federal) legislation does come forward, that we already have some checks and balances in place to ensure the safety and health of all Manitobans," Stefanson said Wednesday.

Other details concerning legal-

ized pot in Manitoba, such as where it would be sold, have yet to be worked out, she added.

"We have to wait for the federal legislation to come out."

The Manitoba Public Insurance test involved breath and saliva samples collected last fall from 1,230 drivers. MPI said 124 tested positive for some form of drug. More than one in five had more than one drug in their sys-

tem. The data did not indicate whether the drivers had enough in their system to be impaired. Only 2.4 per cent of the drivers had alcohol in their system, MPI said.

"The low incidence of alcohol presence suggests that most Manitoba drivers are making the responsible decision to not drive after drinking," Ward Keith.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Feds held funding hostage: Premier

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister accused the federal government of threatening to kill a multimillion-dollar research facility if the province continues to hold off on signing a health-care funding agreement.

"A threat was made to renege on a previous commitment and we think that's unfortunate," the Progressive Conservative premier said Wednesday. "That's not something you bring into a discussion and not something you bring into a negotiation. Not if you have strength of character. You don't do that."

Tensions between the province and Ottawa have been growing in recent months over a number of issues, including funding for a growing number of asylum-seekers crossing the border from the United States and a dispute over strategies to fight climate change.

On health care, Manitoba finds itself the last province holding out over a 10-year

agreement on transfer payments. Ontario, Quebec and Alberta signed deals last week.

Michael Richards, Manitoba's deputy minister of inter-governmental affairs, wrote to federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau's chief of staff, Richard Maksymetz, this week.

He accused Maksymetz of linking health-care talks


with the fulfilment of a 2015 federal promise to pay \$60 million for a manufacturing research facility at the National Research Council in Winnipeg. The centre has

been touted as something that could help technological advances in Manitoba's aerospace sector.

Making such a link makes for "further unnecessary friction and discord between our respective governments," Richards wrote.

Morneau's office did not directly address the issue of whether a threat had been made. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"A threat was made to renege on a previous commitment."
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

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POLICE INQUEST

Wife of man who died in remand wants an explanation

The wife of a man who died after suffering an epileptic seizure at the Winnipeg Remand Centre says she hopes the inquest into his death will give his children the answers they deserve.

Rochelle Pranteau has been asking for the inquest since last May when her common-law husband, Errol Greene, 26, suffered two seizures and died after she says he was denied his anti-seizure medication by staff at the remand centre. He was being held on a mischief charge.

"My kids and I need answers for why Errol died," Pranteau, 27, said in a statement Wednesday. "We get barely any information from the remand centre and I'm afraid that this is going to happen again to another family."

"Having this inquest will get us the answers and justice we need."

Pranteau, who may be called a witness at the inquest, was granted official standing at a hearing held Wednesday. Having standing allows her lawyer to call witnesses, ask questions and make final submissions to the inquest judge.

A date for the inquest has not been set. Greene was one of five people who died at

the remand centre last year. There were only two deaths between 2010 and 2015 at the institution, which houses roughly 300 people.

Pranteau was on the phone with Greene from the centre when he began slipping into a seizure May 1.

She's previously said that she heard her husband fall to the ground and listened for the next 20 minutes while the phone dangled beside him as guards and other inmates

responded.

"I could hear (the guards) throw him on his stomach and put cuffs on him ... you could tell he was struggling for his breath, he was on his stomach and it sounded like a guard was on him," said Pranteau. "They were trying to tell Errol to calm down, but how could he calm down? He's having his episode, let him have it."

Pranteau declined to speak to reporters following Wednesday's hearing.

Her lawyer, Corey Shefman, said Pranteau hopes having standing at the inquest will help her find out why her husband died.

"Her husband died in prison in a manner that he should not have and the investigations that have taken place are not available to her," he said.

"Rochelle wants answers for herself, for her children, and wants to know that the system is responding."

Pranteau, who has three

BY THE NUMBERS

5

Five people died at the Winnipeg Remand Centre in 2016.

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Between 2010 and 2015 only two people died while staying at the institution.

300

The remand centre houses approximately 300 people on a regular basis.

children with Greene and was pregnant with a fourth when he died, is also suing the provincial government, alleging the government failed to provide Greene with the necessities of life.

Shefman said the two proceedings are separate but issues that come up during the inquiry may inform the lawsuit.

"No blame is assigned at the inquest. It's a neutral, non-adversarial process," he said.

"Rochelle believes that, in addition to this process where recommendations are made to prevent future deaths, that people need to be held accountable. That's what the civil claim is about."

The Winnipeg Police Service, the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, Manitoba Corrections and The John Howard Society of Manitoba were also granted standing at the inquest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rochelle Pranteau, wife of Errol Greene

+ BROADER INQUEST NEEDED: HUTTON

John Hutton, executive director of the John Howard Society, said a broader inquest into the five deaths is needed.

"If we're just looking into a single death, as this inquest

is doing, it might make it more difficult to look at broader issues if they exist. A public hearing could look at each death but also see if there are any commonalities and address them."

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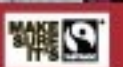


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In a CBC program aired last week, TD employees spoke out about feeling "incredible pressure" to meet "unrealistic" sales targets by signing customers up for unnecessary financial products. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Watchdog begins probe

BANKING Employees say customers are being pressured

Ottawa has launched an investigation into the business practices of Canada's financial institutions after allegations that big banks have been pressuring and even "tricking" customers into buying their products and services.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada — an independent government agency that enforces consumer protection legislation — announced Wednesday that it will launch a review of business practices in the federally regulated financial sector in April.

FCAC commissioner Lucie Tedesco expressed concern with recent allegations related to the sale of products and services by financial institutions to consumers without properly obtaining their prior express consent.

The CBC recently reported

that it's been flooded with stories from employees of all five of Canada's big banks about "how they feel pressured to upsell, trick and even lie to customers to meet unrealistic sales targets and keep their jobs."

The news has fuelled calls for a parliamentary inquiry. The banks have responded in recent statements that they are acting in the best interests of their customers. The banks look forward to co-operating with the agency's review, said Terry Campbell, president of the Canadian Bankers Association.

In the first CBC program on the issue aired last week, three TD employees spoke out about feeling "incredible pressure" to meet "unrealistic" sales targets by signing customers up for unnecessary financial products.

CBC followed with another story after it received almost 1,000 emails from employees of the five banks across the country that described "the pressures to hit targets that are monitored weekly, daily and in some cases hourly," according to an article on the network's website.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HOUSEHOLDS

Canadian debt hits another record

The amount Canadians owe compared with how much they earn hit another record high last year.

Statistics Canada said the amount of household credit market debt rose to 167.3 per cent of adjusted household disposable income in the fourth quarter, up from 166.8 per cent in the third quarter.

That means there was \$1.67 in credit market debt for every dollar of adjusted household disposable income.

"After slowing to a stable

year-over-year pace by late-2013, growth in this debt ratio has since accelerated again alongside torrid gains in the Vancouver and Toronto housing markets," said Robert Kavcic, BMO Capital Markets senior economist.

Fuelled by mortgages and low interest rates, household debt has been climbing steadily in recent years. Policy-makers have raised concerns about household debt and see it as a key risk to the economy.

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Date: Monday, April 3, 2017
Time: 5:00 P.M.

Location: Council Building, 510 Main Street

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APPLICANT: CIBINEL ARCHITECTURE LTD.
FILE: ZAA1/17

PROPOSAL: To discharge the existing Zoning Agreement DAZ 218/1997, By-law 7135/1997, Caveat No. 2561614/1 affecting the land shown outlined above to allow for future development of the University of Manitoba's Smartpark Innovation Hub. For information, phone Mr. R. Mahé, Planner, at 204-986-8631.

DEMANDEUR: CIBINEL ARCHITECTURE LTD.
N° DE RÉFÉRENCE: MCZ 1/17

PROJET: Abrogation de la convention de zonage DAZ 218/1997 (règlement municipal 7135/1997), opposition no 2561614/1 touchant le bien-fonds indiqué ci-dessus en vue de permettre l'aménagement futur du « Smartpark Innovation Hub » de l'Université du Manitoba. Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec M. Richard Mahé, urbaniste, au 204-986-8631.



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APPLICANT: BLDG
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FILE: DASZ 45/16

PROPOSAL: An application for the approval of the plan of subdivision shown outlined above as may be determined by Council and for a proposed zoning change to By-law No. 200/2006 by rezoning the land shown outlined above from an "RMF-S" RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY (SMALL) DISTRICT to a "C1" COMMERCIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD DISTRICT to facilitate the consolidation of lands for the construction of a multi-use (residential/commercial) building. For information, Ms. S. Jerez, Planner at 204-986-7175.

DEMANDEUR: BLDG
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N° DE DOSSIER: DALZ 45/16

PROJET: Demande d'approbation par le Conseil du plan de lotissement indiqué ci-dessus et proposition de modification du Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 (règlement municipal sur le zonage) visant à modifier le zonage des sols délinéés ci-dessus de sorte qu'ils passent de la catégorie RMF-S (secteur de petites habitations multifamiliales) à la catégorie C1 (secteur commercial de quartier) en vue de faciliter le remembrement des terres et de permettre la construction d'un bâtiment résidentiel et commercial polyvalent. Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec Mme S. Jerez, urbaniste, au 204-986-7175.



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DEMANDEUR: AFFINITY ARCHITECTURE INC.

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A Canadian, three Russians and Yahoo

LEGAL

Young man allegedly paid to access hacked accounts

A 22-year-old Kazakh-Canadian man with expensive taste is facing charges of identity theft and conspiracy to commit computer fraud in connection with one of the biggest data breaches ever — the theft of 500 million Yahoo user accounts in early 2014.

Karim Baratov, a dual national of Kazakhstan and Canada, was arrested on Tuesday morning at his home in Ancaster, Ont. by Toronto police and handed over to the RCMP, according to police spokesperson Mark Pugash.

Baratov is accused of being paid by two Russian spies to break into the email accounts of targeted individuals, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The two members of the Russian intelligence agency FSB, Dmitry Dokuchaev, 33, and Igor Sushchin, 43, and Russian hacker Aleksey Belan, 29, who was on the FBI's most wanted cyber criminals list and has been previously indicted twice for computer fraud, are facing more serious charges of criminal espionage, computer hacking and conspiracy-related offences after being indicted along with Baratov by a grand jury in northern California at the end of February.

The stolen information from the Yahoo hack was used to break into the email accounts of Russian journalists, U.S. and Russian government officials



Karim Baratov, a Canadian man of Kazakh origins, has been arrested as one of four suspects in a massive hack of Yahoo emails, Toronto police said. INSTAGRAM



and employees in private-sector companies, according to the Justice Department release. Belan allegedly used the access to the 500 million email accounts for "personal financial gain."

Baratov's alleged involvement in the hacking conspiracy between January 2014 and December 2016 is detailed in an indictment filed with a San Francisco court. None of the charges have been proven in court.

Carmelo Truscillo, who answered the phone at the office of Baratov's lawyer Amadeo DiCarlo, said that the case is only at its initial stage and that the allegations are unproven.

When a target of interest had an email account other than a Yahoo one, Dokuchaev and Sushchin would assign Baratov to gain access to it, according

to the indictment.

Among the targeted individuals were the former Minister of Development of a country bordering Russia and his wife, the assistant to the Deputy Chairman of the Russian Federation, employees of a major Russian cybersecurity firm, Russian officials including one who worked in the bureau that investigates cybercrime, the CEO of a metals mining company in a country bordering Russia, prominent bankers in countries bordering Russia and an International Monetary Fund official.

Some of the email addresses could be accessed because of the Yahoo email hack, through the recovery email account function. Baratov allegedly also used a technique known as "spear phishing" to try and gain access

to target email addresses. It entails sending out emails from an apparently trustworthy sender to obtain information like login credentials or infect computers with malware.

Baratov was allegedly paid to obtain unauthorized access to more than 80 email accounts, including 50 Google accounts. He generally charged about \$100 U.S. per account and was paid at least \$1,000 in "money and other things of value" between April 2015 and 2016, according to the indictment.

If he is convicted, prosecutors will seek a forfeiture order for Baratov's PayPal account and the fancy cars he was well-known for in Ancaster — an Aston Martin DBS with the licence plate "MR KARIM" and a black Mercedes Benz. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A lavish lifestyle

In the photo, Karim Baratov leans against his sleek black Mercedes, parked next to his vanity-plated Aston Martin in the driveway of his Ancaster home.

In scouring extensive social media accounts that appear to belong to Baratov, examining property records and speaking with neighbours and former classmates, a profile has emerged of the young Canadian of Kazakh origin caught up in this major cross-border digital crime. Social media entries that appear to have been posted by Baratov portray the life of a wealthy young man with money to burn on luxury cars, arm-length tattoos and

performance-enhancing workout supplements.

Classmates recalled that Baratov began driving flashy cars and wearing expensive clothes in high school.

"He had the biggest amount of disposable income that I'd ever seen for a person that age," said Jake Hagen, who started going to school with Baratov in Grade 7.

"He bought his friends everything (like) clothes, and he'd take them all out to dinner," Hagen added. "He was a guy who very much understood that he was very well off and that people hung out with him because he had money."

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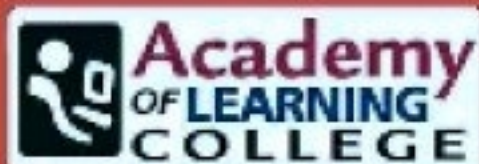
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HEALTH

Immigrants have 60% lower mortality rate than Canadians

Immigrants are 60 per cent less likely to die during a given time period than native-born Canadians and long-term residents, says a study that examines mortality rates based on immigration and socioeconomic status.

According to the joint study by the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences and the University of Toronto, immigrants had a much lower death rate than non-immigrants, even if they happen to live in the most deprived areas in the province.

The mortality rate, or death rate, is a measure of the number of deaths in the population, typ-

ically indicated in units of deaths per 1,000 people over a specific time frame. Immigrants' lower mortality rate translated into 42,700 fewer deaths overall and 18,400 fewer premature deaths during the study period from 2002 to 2012, the study said.

"We were surprised by the magnitude of the difference. It's big and substantial," said UofT epidemiologist Laura Rosella, the lead author of the research paper.

Based on population and demographic databases, as well as census results and immigration records, the study examined the mortality rates across the

socioeconomic spectrum among immigrants, native-born Canadians and long-term residents who came here before 1985.

There were 934,765 deaths registered in Ontario during the study period, including 19,501 deaths among female immigrants and 20,514 deaths among male immigrants.

"Immigrants have lower mortality in everywhere we look at. Even when they are in lower socioeconomic status, they are still healthier," Rosella said. She attributed this partially to what's known as the "healthy immigrant effect," a trend where newcomers to Canada are healthier than the Canadian population, though over time, their health as well as that of their children declines. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Immigrants have lower mortality in everywhere we look at.

Laura Rosella



People wait in line to vote in the Dutch general elections in The Hague on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

Dutch reject the far right

VOTE

PM Mark Rutte beats anti-Islam leader Geert Wilders

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte on Wednesday claimed a dominating parliamentary election victory over anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders, who failed the year's first litmus test for populism in Europe.

The Netherlands' main exit poll suggested Rutte's party won 31 seats in the 150-member legislature, 12 more than Wilders' party, which shared second place with two other parties.

Following Britain's vote to leave the European Union and Donald Trump's election as U.S. president, "the Netherlands said, 'Whoa! Stop!' to the wrong kind of populism," said Rutte, who is now poised for a third term as prime minister.

"We want to stick to the course we have — safe and stable and prosperous," he added.

Wilders had insisted that whatever the result of the election, the kind of populist politics he

and others in Europe represent aren't going away.

"Rutte has not seen the back of me!" Wilders said in a Twitter message after the exit poll results had sunk in.

Both France and Germany have elections this year in which far-right candidates and parties are hoping to make an impact.

Rutte, who for much of the campaign appeared to be racing to keep pace with Wilders, may have profited from the hard line he drew in a diplomatic standoff with Turkey over the past week.

Under brilliant skies, the Dutch went to vote in huge numbers, with turnout estimated to have reached at 82 per cent.

In a subplot of the elections, the Ipsos exit poll had the Green Left party registering a historic victory, turning it into the largest party on the left wing of Dutch politics for the first time.

The Greens leapt from four seats to 16 in parliament after a strong campaign by charismatic leader Jesse Klaver, who invites comparisons to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, according to the exit poll. "This is a fantastic result for us," Green Left chairwoman Marjolein Meijer said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dutch vote only the first step

The Dutch vote is likely to resonate across borders, even though local campaign issues differ. Here's a look at Europe's upcoming electoral battlegrounds:

FRANCE

French far-right leader Marine Le Pen has set the tone for the campaign for France's election with her anti-immigrant and anti-globalization program.

Le Pen argues that Muslim immigration and economic globalization are destroying France's identity, and polls suggest she could advance to the second round of France's election, set for April 23 and May 7.

GERMANY

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, seen abroad as a bulwark of tolerance, is seeking re-election in September.

Committed to European unity, Merkel's conservatives face a challenge from the nationalist Alternative for Germany party.

ITALY

Italy is facing a national parliamentary election in 2018 unless anti-establishment parties succeed in getting earlier polling, after pro-EU Premier Matteo Renzi resigned following the failure of a reforms referendum in December. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Judge in Hawaii puts Muslim ban on hold

Hours before it was to take effect, President Donald Trump's revised travel ban was put on hold Wednesday by a federal judge in Hawaii after hearing arguments that the executive order discriminates on the basis of nationality.

The ruling came as opponents renewed their legal challenges across the country, asking judges in three states to block the executive order that targets people from six predominantly Muslim countries.

More than half a dozen states are trying to stop the ban, and federal courts in Maryland, Washington state and Hawaii heard arguments about whether it should be put into practice early Thursday.

U.S. District Court Judge Derrick Watson's decision prevents the executive order from going into effect, at least for now. Hawaii had requested a temporary restraining order.

Hawaii also argued that the ban would prevent residents

from receiving visits from relatives in the six countries covered by the order. The state says the ban would harm its tourism industry and the ability to recruit foreign students and workers.

In Maryland, attorneys told a federal judge that the measure still discriminates against Muslims.

Government attorneys argued that the ban was revised substantially to address legal concerns, including the removal of an exemption for religious

minorities from the affected countries.

The new version of the ban details more of a national security rationale. It is narrower and eases some concerns about violating the due-process rights of travellers.

It applies only to new visas from Somalia, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya and Yemen and temporarily shuts down the U.S. refugee program. It does not apply to travellers who already have visas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON ALBERTA'S ABSENCE



The West fuelled the national conservative movement for decades. But no Albertans have a shot at federal leadership, so Tories are putting their hopes in the provinces.

For more than 20 years, a politician from Alberta has held the leading position on one side or the other in the House of Commons. That unbroken spell will come to a halt when the federal Conservatives pick a permanent successor to Stephen Harper next May.

The conspicuous absence of an Alberta candidate in the top-tier of the crowded federal leadership field is one of the striking features of the ongoing battle for the Conservative crown.

Among the 14 candidates only Deepak Obhrai hails from the province. The longest-serving MP in Parliament is not expected to make it out of the lower tier of the pack on the Conservatives' preferential ballot.

The province's absence is conspicuous because while the party, under Harper, extended its wings in Central Canada, much of the intellectual energy that has fuelled the conservative movement over the past two decades has come from the West and in particular from Alberta.

In different ways, Ralph Klein, Preston Manning and Harper himself all had a hand at changing some of the terms of the national conversation.

If only for that reason, it is as hard to fathom a federal Conservative leadership contest that does not feature a strong Alberta contender as it is to imagine a Liberal line-up that did not boast at least one leading aspirant from Quebec.

Yet in this campaign, Saskatchewan's Andrew Scheer is the only candidate that can be described as having a serious shot



Deepak Obhrai is the lone Albertan in the pack of 14 Conservative Party leadership candidates. THE CANADIAN PRESS

at keeping the federal leadership torch in Western Canadian hands.

But to travel to Alberta as the campaign for Harper's succession enters the last stretch is also to be reminded that the battle between some of the former prime minister's presumptive heirs for the moral leadership of the Canadian right is not limited to the federal front.

Indeed, in Alberta as in Ontario, the federal front may be a secondary one.

On Saturday, Alberta's Progressive Conservatives will select a permanent replacement for the late Jim Prentice. By all accounts the result is a foregone conclusion. Former immigration minister Jason Kenney's widely expected leadership victory is only the first step on the path to reconciling the province's feuding conservative clans.

Next on the agenda is the

negotiation of a mutually agreeable arrangement between the Wildrose party and the Tories and another leadership round between their respective leaders.

Kenney would like to replicate Harper's winning federal formula and take the helm of a reunited provincial party. Wildrose leader Brian Jean whose party is the official opposition in Edmonton is not inclined to hand the provincial reins to his former federal colleague without a fight.

A Mainstreet poll published this week reported that there would be room in that future contest for a compromise candidate liable to squeeze past Kenney and Jean.

On that score, a name that keeps coming up is that of Rona Ambrose. She will relinquish her position as interim leader once a permanent successor to Harper is chosen.

Conservative insiders say they would not be surprised if she left the federal arena before the House reopens next fall.

As official opposition leader since the last election, Ambrose has had a good run. If she decided to run provincially, she would not lack for support. Whether she wants to take on Kenney and Jean is anybody's guess at this juncture. It is also not a given that she would win.

But there is no doubt that the leadership of a united Alberta conservative party looks like a more attractive prize than Harper's succession.

With premier Rachel Notley's New Democrats languishing in third place in voting intentions, the provincial Conservatives can see a path back to power in Edmonton sooner rather than later.

The same is not true of their federal cousins. Their leadership campaign has been plagued by doubts as to whether any of the candidates has a shot at stopping Justin Trudeau from securing a second mandate or even at hanging on to the party's current seats.

By the time he left office, Harper towered over Canada's Conservative movement. But with conservatives in power in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and the conservative opposition leading in the polls in Ontario and Alberta, whoever succeeds the former prime minister will have to earn his or her moral authority on the Canadian right the hard way.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

Women have enough to do, we can't fix wage inequality alone, too



Vicky Mochama
Metro

If you're a young woman or a woman of colour, you're apparently never supposed to ask about money for work you do.

The Winnipeg-based food delivery company Skip the Dishes got into trouble when a prospective employee shared emails showing the company had cancelled her second interview after she asked about pay and benefits. The interviewee, Taylor Byrnes, actually apologized at the same time she asked, saying, "Sorry, I just thought I should ask now." (The company has since apologized and offered Byrnes the second interview.)

It's not just entry-level office jobs that don't want to pay women for their labour.

The Next Web, a tech conference held in Amsterdam this year, sent out offers for speakers including Luvvie Ajayi, a New York Times best-selling author whose book is being turned into a TV show by Shonda "I Own Primetime TV" Rhimes. Ajayi's speaking agent was told that the conference, which nets millions in sponsorships, didn't have a budget for speakers.

If she could just bounce over to Amsterdam for free, that'd be great. Ajayi turned them down.

Being a working woman is exhausting for many reasons: tights are a scam invented by Big Pantyhose, having to hold back screams when men say your own ideas back to you and well, that whole sexual harassment thing.

But one of the most ex-

hausting things, aside from the actual work itself, is knowing that money you've earned is being kept from you.

In Byrnes' case, the company initially said that even asking about money "at such an early stage" showed that her "priorities are not in sync with those of SkipTheDishes."

In the Lean In school feminism, women are told that they're not asking for enough money (we're not), and that there's some magical combination of ways to ask successfully. The reality is that by attrition and by opacity, women are not being compensated for their labour.

We see this most starkly in industries that are most often dominated by women like nursing, caregiving, and retail. Women also make up a majority of part-time and low-income work.

It should not just be on women to do the asking, but also on companies to offer. Income transparency is one way to put a little more equity into the workforce. Three Nordic countries — Norway, Sweden and Finland — all have a version of income transparency that allows citizens to see each other's tax records. You want to know what your colleague makes? Google it, then negotiate.

Along with other public policy fixes such as non-transferable paid paternity leave (dads must pay their dues in the diaper mines), and gender quotas in public institutions, women in the Nordic countries are much less likely to be shortchanged for their work.

The work that women do is invaluable, but that doesn't mean it's not worth paying for.

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SUSTAINABILITY WITH STYLE HOW TO LIVE A BIODEGRADABLE LIFE

We often lament about how nothing lasts anymore. But for a new wave of biodegradable home-related items, breaking down is a good thing. "There is a pull towards being more sustainable from designers and artists, which is now gaining momentum and becoming more fashionable," says designer Spencer Jenkins, who makes furniture and sculptures that are woven, carved or steamed from wood and willow. "This needs to happen if the world as a whole is to survive." We rounded up stylish products that can be enjoyed guilt-free. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



1 Wrap and wash guilt-free

Trust the Swedes to design a **dishcloth that is not only stylish, but also 100 per cent biodegradable**. According to Marie Kanwischer, owner of SwedeThings, the Swedish dishcloth is nothing new: "These have been a household staple for over 60 years back home." Made of cellulose and cotton, the cloths are machine washable. \$7, Swedethings.ca. Toni Desrosiers is the queen bee behind Abeego, an all-natural **food wrap made of hemp and cotton fabric** that has been coated with a combination of beeswax, tree resin and jojoba oil. It can be used to wrap food or cover a bowl. \$15 to \$18, abeego.com.



2 Brush off your plastic worries with bamboo

That plastic toothbrush sitting in your bathroom is dirty, ending up in landfills, or even worse: washing up on beaches, according to toothbrush maker Brush with Bamboo. Have a clean conscience and opt for a plant-based, **bamboo toothbrush**. BPA-free, vegan, verified non-toxic and biodegradable. \$6 Ecoexistence.ca.



4 Sit back, relax on some flax

Christien Meindertsma's **flax chair** will soon be available in Canada, says a spokesperson for Label-Breed. The chair is made from flax fibres combined with PLA (polylactic acid made from sugarcane and corn starch). \$681, thomaseyck.com.



4 Weaving willow wonders

U.K. artist Spencer Jenkins creates modern **furniture and sculptures with traditional materials such as willow**. His creations range from bespoke furniture, wall and garden sculptures to the massive willow arches he created as lead artist to celebrate the Queen's 60th Jubilee Celebrations in 2012. You can commission your own willow creation from Jenkins, who is happy to ship across the pond. Norfolk Pebble chair, \$9,799; Wall sculptures, \$816 to \$1143, spencerjenkins.co.uk.

5 Throwing shade at waste

Maria Fiter of Crea-re designs eco-friendly lighting with papier-mâché to create **paper lamps** using old newspapers. Fiter's Pluto lamp was inspired by the Solar System. Each lamp is handmade. \$334, ekohunters.com.



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Why she toned down the torture of her characters

INTERVIEW

Chevy Stevens faced criticism for writing violent scenes

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



Chevy Stevens is hiding in her washroom. If this was a scene from one of her novels, she might be trying to escape a kidnapper, but, in reality, this is the only place Stevens can find a few minutes of quiet for this interview, away from her inquisitive four-year-old daughter.

Being a mother has changed not only Stevens' life, but her approach to writing. Now that the Vancouver Island author has a kid, she's more aware of what she puts down on paper.

"I don't write about a child being hurt now, that's for sure," she says. "I have a phobia that if I wrote something about a child and something happened in my

real life, I would be terrified that I brought it. I know — as if I'm godlike, or have that power — but this is a secret hidden fear and superstition."

Her latest, *Never Let You Go*, follows Lindsey Nash, a young mom who escapes in the dead of night from her abusive husband, Andrew. Eleven years later with her life happily re-established, she discovers that Andrew is out of prison, and although legally he must stay away from her and her now-teenage daughter Sophie, Lindsey can't shake the chilling sense she's being watched. The story switches perspectives between Lindsey's growing fears and Sophie's conflicted desire to know her father, with a giant twist of an ending.

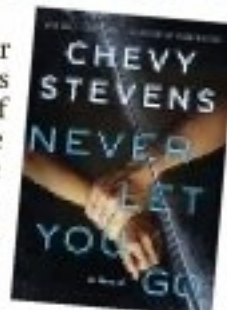
Never Let You Go is a departure from Stevens' previous five books, all of which are set on Vancouver Island. For one, there is much less graphic physical violence, something Stevens has never shied away from since her 2010 debut, *Still Missing*, about a real-estate agent who is tortured in a remote cabin.

Written while Stevens was

working as a realtor herself — her books often emerge out of her own fears — she sold her own home so she could focus on writing full-time. The gamble paid off: the manuscript landed Stevens an agent, a three-book publishing deal, and turned her into an international bestselling breakout star.

While Stevens' thrillers have been praised for their gripping, no-apologies storytelling and strong female protagonists, she has occasionally faced criticism over the violence inflicted on them by male characters.

"I think I was in a darker place in my own life. I just didn't want to go there anymore," she says. "I wanted to experiment with how to make something really suspenseful. I wanted to show how someone can keep you constantly scared, even if they're not doing something directly to you. How do I write a really scary book that is about physical violence, but without it being about women being



abducted or murdered, or serial killers, or all those typical things?"

Although *Never Let You Go* is not autobiographical, Stevens admits she was influenced subconsciously by memories of her father, who died when she was 22. Like Andrew, Stevens' dad was an alcoholic, who became violent when drinking.

"He would smash or break things, and he had a lot of problems with anger. But my dad was a great guy," she says. "It's so hard to explain, even in your own mind, I still feel protective when I talk about him sometimes."

In hindsight, Stevens also directly relates to a few scenes between Sophie and Andrew, but says the parallels were unintentional.

"This isn't an agenda book," she says adamantly. "I didn't write it thinking, 'I'm going to sit down and process all these feelings about my father,' but sometimes I would step outside myself and think, 'Holy crap,



Never Let You Go is about domestic abuse, but Chevy Stevens says it's more suspenseful and less violent than her previous work.

I've totally been there."

However, Stevens did imagine while writing that some day she hopes to enjoy a tightknit relationship with her offspring, like the one between Lindsey and Sophie.

"It was my way of projecting onto the future," she says. "It is a love story, but it's a mother-daughter love story."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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FASHION

Why a little less denim is causing a whole lot of debate



Nichole Jankowski
For Metro | Toronto

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Described as “clear panel mom jeans” on Topshop’s website, these pants are fast fashion at its best, or worst, depending on your outlook.

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But here at Metro we’re not interested in the reason, just your reaction.



HANDOUT

I live in a city where it rains constantly so I'm down for the knee windshield. And when they steam up you could squiggle messages onto them like a bathroom mirror.

Leila Bani, Vancouver, stylist and art director

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I'm all for mom jeans — they're definitely the most flattering fit for a woman with curves. But the knees are the most boring part of the leg. In my opinion, expose the butt or the crotch, they're much more worthy of attention.

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CULTURE

Vogue Arabia tries to find a local voice

Vogue launched its newest international edition this month, targeting a niche audience in the Middle East that is fashion conscious, style-driven and wealthy. If its debut is anything to go by, the magazine promises to be bold, representative and deferential.

The 22nd international edition of Vogue featured on its cover American supermodel Gigi Hadid, whose father is Palestinian, wearing an embellished, mesh veil covering half her face. With one eye peering out from beneath the veil, the magazine's cover words aimed readers directly at its mission: “Reorienting perceptions.”

At the helm of Vogue's nascent project is Deena Aljuhani Abdulaziz, a fashion-forward mother of three and Saudi royal who

describes herself as “ambitious.”

“I don’t want Vogue Arabia to just be another regional magazine. I definitely want it to be a global one as well, especially in this political climate. I think it’s very important,” she said.

Through its range of features, the magazine attempts to cater to a wide and diverse audience of Arab women, whose varying takes on personal style and modesty cannot be defined by one trope or fashion statement.

While not intentionally provocative, there are images of women in backless gowns and skirts that end above the knee. There are also artful shots of women in headscarves, though not necessarily worn in the parameters of the Islamic hijab.

In Hadid’s cover shot, for example, the veil reveals a hint of

bronzed shoulder.

“We aren’t trying to make a giant political statement but we do think that we can help contribute to conversation” said Shashi Menon, founder of Nervora, which published Vogue Arabia in partnership with Conde Naste.

“We want to be — delicate is the wrong word, but we want to be cognizant on how we are speaking to and with women from this region and that means being understanding,” he said.

Vogue Arabia’s strongest foothold is — as its name suggests — in the oil-rich countries of the Arabian Peninsula, where modern malls and a growing art scene are part of a wider push to get in on the multi-billion-dollar-a-year global fashion industry, which is currently dominated by the U.S.,



Gigi Hadid graces the first cover of Vogue Arabia. VOGUE

Europe and Japan.

Vogue Arabia’s target audience is well-travelled and has long had access to fashion magazines, both local and international, including of course American Vogue.

Vogue Arabia launched digitally first last fall, but its print edition went out this month with 35,000 copies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Good girls who deserved better

THE SHOW: *Good Girls Revolt*, Season 1, Episode 1 (Amazon Prime)

THE MOMENT: Nora quits

At News of the Week magazine in 1969, young men are writers, and young women are researchers, making them look good. But new researcher Nora Ephron (Grace Gummer) wrote a story, and wants a byline.

"That's not the way we do things here," growls editor Wick McFadden (Jim Belushi).

"Your rules are dumb," Nora says. "If copy's good, it's good." Now the whole room is listening.

"Young lady, you might not want to make waves, lest we have doubts about our decision to hire you," Wick says. "Back to work, dear."

"This is ridiculous," Nora says. "I quit."

"Your name is all you have in journalism. So good luck, Nora Ephron," Wick says. He turns to another researcher. "Get me a cup of coffee, will ya?"

This subject is dear to my heart. As a newbie journalist in New York 15 years later, I stood on the shoulders of these women, who risked everything to sue their employers for equal opportunity.

So I wanted to love this show.

But it's so on the nose that watching it practically gives you a bloody nose from being repeatedly punched on the nose. Every scene is the same: the women do bold things, the men squash them.

And the dialog! "I'm young. I want to tiptoe through the tulips. I feel like you're putting me in a box," says insurrection leader Patti (Genevieve Angelon, perfectly cast) to her writer boyfriend.

"You're not a reporter, you're a researcher," he replies. "And we had a date." These good girls deserve better.



Good Girls Revolt is so on the nose it practically leaves viewers bloodied. CONTRIBUTED

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

THROUGH A GLASS LENS

Book looks at social trends

A book that examines the history of a longtime glass manufacturing company and the corresponding changes of an American city is the latest best-seller to explore economic and social trends in the U.S. through the lens of Ohio communities.

Glass House: The 1% Economy and the Shattering of the All-American Town focuses on Lancaster in central Ohio and the glass company most residents still refer to as Anchor Hocking.

Journalist author Brian Alexander, who grew up in the city, explores what happened after outside firms took over Anchor Hocking and chipped away at its local roots. The company's headquarters was closed in 1987 after Newell Corporation bought the company, and 300 office workers were fired.

"A core group of Lancaster's leadership class, and their all-important spouses, were swept away, ripping a huge hole in the social fabric of the town," Alexander writes.

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MEET THE CONDO

Low-rise living across from Arth Lake



CROCUS GARDENS

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Project overview

Sitting next to a lake and a brand new city park, Crocus Gardens offers a relaxed lifestyle with lots of on-site amenities. Major shopping, dining and transportation options are just minutes away.

Housing amenities

The centre of activity will be a 4,000 square-foot clubhouse that boasts a resident lounge, common room, private meeting space, kitchen, billiards room and fitness centre with locker rooms.

Location and transit

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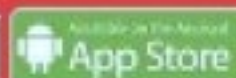
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Reconsidering the humble garage



The facade of the garage door, a focal point of a panelized house designed by Minarc, was created with scrap pieces of wood and left over quartz from the interior countertops. The house is featured in the book *Prefabulous Small Houses* by Sheri Koonos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DESIGN

More than a home for cars, it's a place to also tinker

Silicon Valley started in the Palo Alto, Calif., garage of the Packard family, where Hewlett-Packard was founded, according to the National Register of Historic Places. Steve Jobs launched Apple in his parents' garage. And dozens of American bands started in garages. Amazon, Disney, Google, Harley-Davidson? All famously launched out of garages.

Garages have, for generations, been places for tinkering and creating, where kids build soapbox-derby cars or refinish kayaks. Some garages are home to small catering kitchens or extensive wine collections, and many feature extra refrigerators or freezers. And of course, they often serve as a deep storage and workshop space.

Designers and architects say the idea of the garage as the ultimate multi-purpose room is alive and well, and that modern garages are finally being seriously retooled to better suit those myriad uses.

"When it comes to garage design, functionality is always key. I'm seeing a lot more glass garage doors, whether frosted or clear. It's more fitting for most modern homes, and makes the space more versatile because it lets in the light," said Jonathan

Savage of Nashville-based Savage Interior Design.

"A car collector might want to park in a garage every day to protect their investments, but I store my wine in my garage," he said.

Raw concrete floors are out, frequently replaced by more versatile epoxy or modular rubber flooring, designers say.

"Clients want a floor that can be easily cleaned and mopped, like any other room in the house," Savage said.

And if the garage has windows, he includes window treatments that match those in other parts of the house. Storage units on wheels can be easily rearranged in a pinch, he says, and some garages include not just refrigerators but kitchenettes.

Margaret Mayfield, an architect living in Los Osos, Calif., keeps her washer and dryer in the garage, with most of the floor reserved as a workspace for refinishing furniture and other tinkering projects. Her family's three cars are parked in the driveway, never in the garage.

"You're supposed to keep your cars in the garage, but I hardly know anyone who does," said David Hirsch, a partner at Urban Architectural Initiatives who splits his time between California and New York City.

"My neighbour uses his for woodworking projects, and my daughter uses hers as a sort of casual space and playroom for the kids. And for deep storage. I guess that's another common

use for garages," he said.

Even the carport Hirsch designed for his own Palo Alto, Calif., home — a steel framework over a gravel driveway — goes unused, he said.

Sheri Koonos, author of *Prefabulous Small Houses* (Taunton, 2016) and other books on home building, says garage doors are getting more attention these days.

"Individualizing a garage door makes the entire house look much more interesting," she said, citing a recently constructed house in Santa Monica, Calif., where leftover strips of orange kitchen counter were used to build a striking and artistic garage door.

"They purchased a garage door without siding, laid it all out in the driveway and, using scraps from the construction, really made a gorgeous piece of art," she said. "They made it into so much more than just an ordinary garage door. It's the most beautiful garage door I've seen anybody do, and it adds so much to the look of the whole house."

Koonos also said there is greater demand now for good ventilation in garages, for built-in fittings to facilitate organization, and for garages that are separate from the rest of the house, as opposed to attached garages.

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CONDO LIFE

Forward-thinking condos come to the West End

Construction has begun at the new condominium complex The Icon, at 1133 Portage Ave. Consisting of 60 units, including 8 accessible suites, the development is over 33 per cent sold.

Keith Merkel, president of EdgeCorp Group, says that "interest has been really strong. The building is in a prime location, and it has generated significant excitement from buyers."

Piling and excavation is now complete, and foundation work will start mid-March. The highly-anticipated move-in date is fast approaching, with possession is slated for fall 2017.

It's an opportunity for forward-thinking home buyers to find a condo that reflects

their environmentally aware approach. The Icon will be developer EdgeCorp's second Manitoba PowerSmart building, helping residents save money on their hydro bills while conserving electricity.

"We are excited to provide an energy-efficient option for Winnipeggers," Merkel says.

Accessibility is another progressive value embodied at The Icon. Its eight accessible suites will offer a wide range of thoughtful features designed to make everyday living easy for people with limited mobility.

These accessibility features include six feet of turning space in all rooms, doors with 36-inch openings, interior plugs and

switches that are all located at an accessible level, and carefully selected millwork heights and appliances. Each accessible suite has one indoor handicap parking stall included.

Whether you're in an accessible suite, or in one of the building's other luxurious 52 condos, you'll enjoy a high quality of life. The one-, two- and three-bedroom units at The Icon feature clean and modern finishes, nine-foot ceilings, balconies, energy efficient building systems, and indoor and surface parking.

Whether you're looking to shop, go to work or enjoy the neighbourhood, you'll be living in the right place. The development is located on the edge of Wolseley at Portage and Minto, with easy access by foot, bike, bus or car to downtown, Polo Park, the West End and West Broadway.

For more information about The Icon, contact David Carr at Monopoly Realty at 204-230-6129. The Icon sales centre will be opening onsite sometime in April.



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Thankfully, the parade's fresh home and condo displays are a nice escape during the colder days.

Parade-goers can take in spectacular new interiors while keeping warm, including the brand-new display suite for Metro Condominiums in South Osborne, under development by Winnipeg's largest home-grown condo builder, StreetSide Developments.

The first completed and decorated suite in this popular condominium building stuns with its moody feature walls in the master bedroom and kitchen. With its striking two-tone finishes — bright-white cupboards, sparkling white quartz countertops, and a dark mocha island — Metro's display is dramatically modern with a comfortable, livable feel.

As you continue your tour throughout the city, check out last fall's Parade of Homes gold award winner, the display at the brownstone-inspired, three-storey Blue-stem Condominiums in Sage Creek.

If you're looking for space and affordability in West Transcona, Devonshire Village's two-storey Hudson Condominiums is a marvel in maximized square footage, with even more potential to grow in size and value into the unfinished basement.

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professional design consultant. She's the very same person who meets with home-buyers to help them select custom finishes when purchasing a StreetSide condo early in construction.

The Spring Parade of Homes is on from

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Canadians set sights on title with Ducks

MARCH MADNESS

Trio has helped Oregon earn third seed in Midwest Region

Before Senior Day tipped off last month at the University of Oregon, Ducks fans stood for O Canada.

The Canadian anthem played that day in support of two of the team's seniors — Dylan Ennis and Chris Boucher. Add in Pac 12 player of the year Dillon Brooks and the trio of Canadians have been the cornerstone this season of one of the best teams in NCAA basketball.

"There's a lot of respect for it and you see it around the fans of the teams that have Canadians, they often embrace the Canadian aspect," said Ennis's dad Tony McIntyre, who was in the crowd at Matthew Knight Arena for Senior Day.

It's become a common storyline: Canadians playing key roles down south. And once again, a cast of talented Canadians will follow in the footsteps of the likes of Tristan Thompson, Cory Joseph, Andrew Wiggins and Jamal Murray into March Madness.

"I think it's great, great for basketball in Canada that's for sure," McIntyre said.

McIntyre and wife Suzette Ennis will be in Sacramento on Friday, when the Ducks open



Dylan Ennis, centre, and Dillon Brooks led the Oregon Ducks to the Elite Eight last year.

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against 14th-seeded Iona.

Oregon went 29-5 in the regular season to finish co-champions of the Pac 12. A No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament last season, they're seeded third in the Midwest Region this year after losing to Arizona in Saturday's Pac 12 final. That game came hours after learning Boucher was done for the season, having torn his ACL the previous night.

Regardless of who's missing, and where they're seeded, Brooks said the Ducks' goal remains unchanged.

+ DEEP RUN

Oregon is gunning for its first Final Four appearance since 1939.

"National championship," he said. "It's the same tournament, we're all here for the same thing, to win, and wherever we're at we're competitors, we're confident in ourselves, and wherever we're at we're ready to play."

Brooks, a 21-year-old from Mis-

sissauga, Ont., led the Ducks to an appearance in the Elite Eight last season. The six-foot-six guard averaged 16.0 a game this season, bouncing back from what could have been a devastating broken foot suffered in the off-season.

"He's just a very high energy, highly active, very skilled scorer," said McIntyre, who worked with Brooks in CIA Bounce, the AAU program he co-founded. "He goes out and changes the pace of the game, does what his team needs, and that's to score and get buckets."

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NHL

Coyotes' Chayka on steep learning curve

While taking in a Panthers game on break from the NHL general managers in Florida earlier this month, the youngest GM in pro sports history picked the brain of one of hockey's greatest players and savviest managers.

John Chayka wanted to know how Steve Yzerman went about constructing Team Canada's Olympic and world championship teams, and how the process helped him develop as a manager.

"And I don't know how much it helps me in my situation in Arizona too much ... (but) at the same time I think you can always apply logic or learn no matter what the background is," Chayka said of conversations with the hall of famer and Tampa Bay Lightning GM.

The Arizona Coyotes' 27-year-old GM has tried to absorb as

many lessons as possible in his first year on the job, from building relationships with more experienced colleagues to handling trade talks at the deadline to figuring out how to best to manage time. It's all new for the Jordan Station, Ont., native, a shocking hire by the Coyotes at age 26 last spring.

The GMs fraternity in the NHL is prototypical of an old boys club, populated by former players, coaches and managers. The average age of the other 30 GMs is 54 with the oldest of the group, 74-year-old Lou Lamoriello, hired into the league in 1987 before



I think maybe the real lesson is sometimes it's hard to do the right thing.

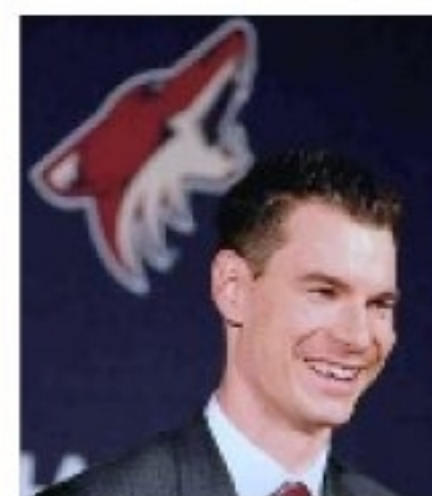
John Chayka on the growing pains of a young team

Chayka was even born in 1989.

Chayka hints that his age has been "an issue" in his first-year dealings as GM, nothing malicious, he says, "but there is the reality that you are the youngest person in the room."

Still, he contends that his unique viewpoint serves as a helpful counterbalance in trades with some of his fellow GMs because his wants and needs may differ from competitors.

"So for me it's an opportunity as much as a challenge to find fits that work for me, but also work on the other side of things and that's how transactions are made," Chayka said. "I think it's actually been pretty productive, even if it's not as comfortable as someone who's known someone for 20 years."



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U.S. women threaten to boycott worlds

HOCKEY

Canada rivals say pay equity is responsible for unrest

The Canadian women's hockey team can only watch and wait to see if they'll play chief rival United States in the world championship on American ice.

The U.S. women declared Wednesday they'll boycott the world championship starting March 31 in Plymouth, Mich., unless progress is made settling a wage dispute with USA Hockey. American players say they will not report next Wednesday to their training camp in Taverse City, Mich., without steps towards a new contract.

A few hours after that bombshell dropped, Canadian players on a conference call were still trying to get their heads around the possibility the host coun-



The Canada-U.S. hockey rivalry is at risk of being put on hold at this year's world championship. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

try and defending champion could be absent from the biggest women's hockey tournament this calendar year.

"It is difficult to imagine," said defenceman Lauriane Rougeau of Beaconsfield, Que.

"But we respect their decision. We hope they're moving towards a positive agreement in the coming days, so that we would be able to have

a good championship."

Canada is scheduled to open the tournament against the U.S. on March 31. Canada and the U.S. have met in every world championship final dating back to the first in 1990. The Americans have won three straight titles.

"To voluntarily take ourselves out of the running to (repeat) is not easy, but it's what's right

\$1,000

According to the statement released by a law firm representing players, USA Hockey has paid players \$1,000 a month during their six-month Olympic residency period and "virtually nothing" the rest of the time.

and we're asking for what's right and fair," U.S. forward Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson told The Associated Press.

"It's definitely hard. But as a group we've made this decision and as a team and I'm proud to do this with my teammates and to stand arm in arm with them and to say enough is enough."

There currently isn't labour unrest among Canada's players, who intend to report next week to their training camp in Leamington, Ont.

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Monaco into last 8 after beating City

Midfielder Tiemoue Bakayoko's thumping header sent Monaco through to the Champions League quarterfinals as the home side beat Manchester City 3-1 on Wednesday to progress on the away goals rule in another pulsating match between two attack-minded sides.

City fought back from 2-0 down and was momentarily in control after midfielder Leroy Sane's 71st-minute goal. But six minutes later Bakayoko rose imperiously to meet Thomas

Lemar's curling free kick and restore the two-goal margin Monaco needed as the contest finished 6-6 on aggregate.

Trailing 5-3 from the first leg of their Round of 16 match, Monaco made the perfect start. Confirming his reputation as a rising star of European football, 18-year-old forward Kylian Mbappe scored from close range in the eighth minute. Brazilian midfielder Fabinho made it 2-0 in the 29th to set up a thrilling fixture. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Spurs Aldridge gets all clear

LaMarcus Aldridge's latest bout with heart arrhythmia kept him out less than a week, a big relief to the five-time All-Star as he and the San Antonio Spurs chase the Golden State Warriors for the top seed in the Western Conference.

Aldridge was cleared to play and was expected to be in the lineup on Wednesday against Portland, the Spurs announced. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pats re-sign Hightower

The Patriots have re-signed Pro Bowl linebacker Dont'a Hightower. Hightower's agency tweeted the agreement on Wednesday and his agent confirmed it. The new pact is for four years and \$43.5 million.

It brings back one of the Patriots' biggest free agents, who has helped New England win two Super Bowls in his five NFL seasons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Crispy Sweet Potato Fries



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For Metro Canada



We think dinner sides should be as important (and as delicious) as the main event. If you're looking for a healthier update on everyone's salty addiction, then these sweet potato fries are your ticket to crispiness.

Ready in 40 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 3 medium Sweet Potatoes
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 1 Tbsp Chinese 5-spice

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Peel and slice sweet potatoes into match sticks. Lay them flat on that cut side and make thin strips. Then turn those strips on their sides and cut into more fine slices. (The skinnier you make them, the crisper they're going to be.)

2. Mix your spices in a large bowl. Pour oil over the spice blend and combine well. Throw in your potatoes and toss until they're completely covered. Lay them out in a single layer on a cookie sheet. Use two sheets if they're looking crowded.

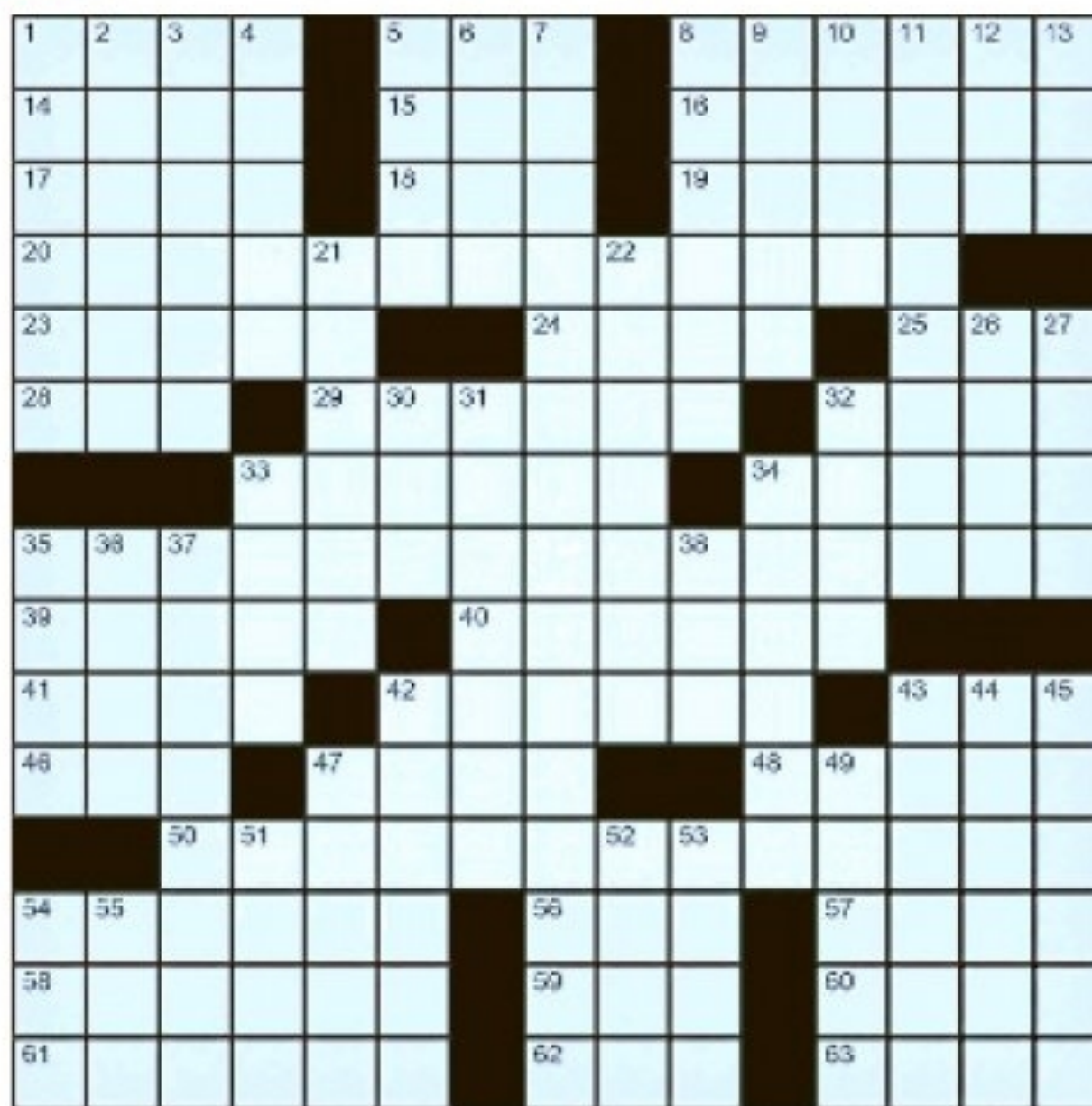
3. Place in a hot oven and bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Take out at the 15-minute mark and turn them over with tongs or a spatula. Keep an eye on them at the end as the edges will char (not that that's a bad thing).

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Celebrity
5. Descriptive wd.
8. Novelist Ms. Jong's
14. Barge __ (intrude)
15. Mr. Rawls
16. Opera: The Three __
17. Literature governess Jane
18. NB's ocean
19. Ms. Seigny's
20. Moist-soil-like tree sometimes found in southern Ontario: 3 wds.
23. Country singer Ms. Tucker
24. Single-named Art Deco designer
25. Canadian comic Mr. Green
28. Group of Seven painter Mr. Jackson, et al.
29. Relating to digestion
32. Magic's spell
33. Melon coming from the name of the former name of Turgutlu, a town in Turkey
34. Tom of "The Dukes of Hazzard"
35. Lester B. Pearson won the Nobel Peace Prize for his diplomacy in de-escalating this 1956 dilemma in Egypt: 3 wds.
39. Assuage
40. US Supreme Court Justice Ms. Kagan's
41. Omaha, __
42. Navy titles, e.g.: 2 wds.
43. Jolly: French



46. Racing's Mr. Fabi
47. Prefix to 'matic'
48. Fashionable accessory
50. Regina's beautiful park: 2 wds.
54. Attribute
56. Post-op locale
57. Norwegian king
58. Make the shower

- watertight: 2 wds.
59. Switz.'s continent
60. Fork prong
61. Enthusiastic
62. Position
63. __acte (intermission)

DOWN

1. Party with a pinata
2. Regardless/nonetheless
3. "Happy Days" star Erin's
4. Foe
5. "There ought to be __ against that!"
6. Shakespear-

- ean verb
7. Shakespeare-inspired architectural features: 2 wds.
8. "Yada, Yada...": 2 wds.
9. Till again
10. "To Live and Die ___" (1985)
11. Stove surfaces

12. "___ you sure?" (Positive?)
13. Initials-sharers of the director of "E.T." (1982)
21. The Pope's office
22. Tested, as a product before going to market, say
26. __, California (The Bionic Woman's hometown)
27. Bons __ (Wit-ticisms)
30. That, in Spain
31. Leon __ (CIA director from 2009 to 2011)
32. Mars, par example
33. Russian ruler
34. Powerfully-toothed tropical fish
35. Filmmaker, Gus Van __
36. Movie bee-keeper
37. Sports protection: 2 wds.
38. Montreal-headquartered train co.
42. Aglow
43. Country star Larry
44. Unmitigated
45. By any chance at all: 2 wds.
47. Sean of 'LOTR' movies
49. \$100 bill, fun-style
51. Tolkien character, __ the Smith
52. Missed __ (Thespian's mistake)
53. Abrupt
54. "This __ surprise!"
55. Sea: French

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Please remember that this is a wonderful year for partnerships for you. It's a great year for Aries to get married. This also includes entering into a business partnership.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This year is the best year in over a decade for you to get a better job or improve your existing job. Likewise, it's the best year in over a decade to improve your health.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Plan on fun holidays this year, because this is a great time to take vacations, explore the arts, be active in sports and enjoy playful activities with children.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
It's important to know that this is the year to create your dream home. You can either improve your existing home or get a better home. It's an excellent time for real-estate investments.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You are in such a positive frame of mind this year. You will succeed in whatever you do, because you believe in yourself. This is how the power of positive thinking works!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Look for ways to boost your earnings, because you can do it. In fact, this is the best year in over a decade for you to make more money. Yahoo!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Lucky you! For the first time since 2005, lucky Jupiter is in your sign. This brings you good fortune and contentment for the whole year. It won't happen again until 2028.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This year, different experiences will occur that will enrich your spiritual life. Your belief will be stronger, and this in turn will give you more confidence in your future.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a popular year for Sagittarians! However, it's important to know that your interactions with others will benefit you. Join clubs and groups. Be friendly!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can put your name up in lights this year, because your reputation will shine. You will earn the respect of your peers.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Not since 2005 have you had the travel opportunities you will have this year. Make plans to go places! It's a great year for school and education as well.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is the perfect year to get a mortgage or loan, because you can benefit from the wealth and resources of others. Financial negotiations will settle in your favour.

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